

work is being accomplished by our dear young people.

The revival season is nearing, and hope and pray that a great amount of good will be done, and that our dear church paper will be booming continually with glorious reports. May we all receive such spiritual power and depend less upon self that the coming revival season may be the greatest in the history of our beloved brotherhood.

Sept. 28, '96.

J. F. KOONTZ.

PORT REPUBLIC, VA.

Our fall council meeting came off on the 3rd Saturday of this month at Mt. Olive. Arrangements were made to hold communion meeting on the 3rd Saturday in October. Brother Geo. A. Copp, of Fisher's Hill, has agreed to be with us at that time. Brother Hall will not be present on account of a series of meetings in W. Va. A general invitation is given to all the brethren and the sisters to be present.

Our Sunday-school closed last Sunday to the regret of many of the patrons and pupils. The writer thinks that Sunday-schools should be in session all the year. No trouble would be experienced if each professed Christian should do his or her duty. How many sins of omission beset us! We hope to visit the EVANGELIST a short time next month, if our health permits. Let each subscriber go to work and get one subscriber for it, and thereby double its subscription. The writer agrees to do so, though he has to pay for it himself. It should have not fewer than six thousand regular paid up subscribers and then it could be happy and makes us more so.

J. H. PETRIE.

THE ILLIOKOTA CONFERENCE.

The program for another District Conference is out. Do we in this district realize the importance of these meetings? I believe that the Brethren in this district are willing to do whatsoever they believe God would have them do. Our Conference last year was splendid. Its results were good. But this year some may feel that times are too hard to come. Times are not too hard to have large political gatherings. Shall we not be as zealous for the truth as it is in Jesus, as men are for principles that will die with the campaign? Besides, the personal benefit that is to be derived from these meetings together are not to be computed in dollars. Brethren, do you realize that our district is on a frontier? To us must fall the duty of spreading the "Gospel alone" doctrine in the Dakotas, and Minnesota. Furthermore, now is a critical period in the his-

tory of our church. The first fervent heat of the conflict has died down. The intensity of zeal that characterized the church at its beginning has cooled down to a careless indifference in some sections. In some cases the loyalty, the heroism and self sacrifice, the earnest devotion that was manifested by the founders of our church has vanished. Hence, all the more zeal must be shown, and all the greater efforts must be made by us who are in the work.

Then, Brethren, study the program, and come for a great spiritual blessing. We are prepared to entertain all who come. Nothing can so stimulate us to greater efforts, encourage us in our work and incite us to nobler aspirations as a commingling of both preachers and people, a social reunion and a spiritual feast. Make some sacrifices to come and you will be amply repaid in blessings which you will receive. Pray for the Conference that it may rebound to God's glory.

J. L. GILLIN.

COVE CHURCH.

It seemed good to the Holy Ghost that we should give our readers a few items from our field of labor. Much has passed and gone that might have been of interest to many readers. Our only excuse is that our time has been occupied in preaching, travel and study. When the Holy Spirit through the church called us to this field, we had two regular places to preach at. Since then we have been called to preach at six other different points in connection with this small charge. Three weeks ago baptized four, two weeks ago one, this week three and more to follow. Thus the Spirit is convincing of sin, of righteousness and judgment, for which we praise the Lord, and give him all the glory.

E. H. SMITH.

HAGERSTOWN, MD.

The work here is in a God-glorifying condition, i. e., the membership are growing in grace, knowledge and truth, and others are seeking the way of the Lord more perfectly. Will report more fully soon.

ZED H. COPP.

BRIGHTON, IND.

We, the brethren and sisters at Brighton held our quarterly business meeting September 19. We decided to hold our semi annual communion on Oct. 17. The usual invitation to all who can be with us. By vote of the church brother Wm. H. Miller was chosen pastor for the coming year 1897. We expect to hold our revival in January or February. Brother R.

R. Teeter is expected to conduct the meeting. It was also decided to raise what we could on our apportionment for Ashland University. Considering this we felt too poor to send delegates to State Conference, hence decided to represent by letter.

M. E. HORNER.

MILLEDGEVILLE, ILL.

Held our love feast on the evening of the 25, in Bethlehem Church. Glorious meeting. Many of the Lanark brethren were in attendance. Received one sister into the Lord by confession and baptism on the afternoon of the same day. Will hold meetings at Bethlehem Church each evening this week if the weather does not prove too inclement. It is raining now.

Sept. 29, 1896.

J. O. TALLEY.

COMMUNION NOTICES.

The Brethren Church at Homer expect to hold their semi annual communion on October 17, at 7 o'clock P. M. All are cordially invited.

H. S. JACOBS.

Communion at Zion's Hill Church, Oct. 21. Services to begin at 6 o'clock P. M. A general invitation is extended.

WM. KEIFFER.

Communion at New Enterprise Oct. 18. Preparatory services on 18 at 10:30 A. M. Services Friday and Saturday evenings.

E. H. SMITH.

Communion at Fredricksburg on Oct. 25. Preparatory services at 10:30 A. M. To all of like precious faith I extend an invitation. Services Friday and Saturday evenings.

E. H. SMITH.

Our Communion meeting will be at the Mount Union meeting house, near Mineral Point, Pa., on Thursday evening, Oct. 1896.

Also communion meeting at Vinco, Pa., on Sunday evening, Oct. 18, 1896. All of like faith are invited to partake with us.

STEPHEN HILDERBRAND.

Bethesda Church, Kunkle, O., will hold a communion on the evening of Oct. 18. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. Come and commune with us.

ADAM EBERLY.

The brethren at Roann, Ind., will hold communion services at that place Oct. 16, 1896. A cordial invitation is extended to all of like faith to attend. Come, let us worship together.

M. BELLE BAIRD.